# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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INDO-US AGRI KNOWLEDGE INITIATIVE
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether agricultural scientists, environmental and social activists and farmers have demanded a review of the Indo-US agricultural knowledge initiative, as it will severely affect farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has considered their view points; and

(d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Some suggestions have been received from various sources seeking a review of Indo-US Agricultural Knowledge Initiative (AKI) for addressing farmers` interests.

(c) & (d): AKI focuses on
(i) education, learning resources, curriculum development and training;
(ii) food processing and use of by-products and bio-fuels;
(iii) biotechnology and
(iv) water management. The activities under the AKI pertain to training of scientists, joint workshops and collaborative research projects. The joint deliverables under the focus areas are decided and are periodically and regularly reviewed by the Indo-US AKI Board.